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## NEED A RIDE? HAIL A TAXI

A zone system that for years has scuppered Hackney carriage drivers from picking up people who hailed taxis in Broadstairs has been scrapped.

The taxi drivers are now free to pick up fares in all towns in the district, hopefully making life and business very much easier.

Driver Gary Ward said: "It's good news for Broadstairs with all the summer festivities not far away. It's better for us and it's better for the public."

"Up until now we'd only been able to pick up in the old boroughs of Ramsgate and Margate, but now we can run a full service all across Thanet."

■ BY TOM BETTS

THE leader of Thanet council is being told to stand down.

The findings of a Standards Board of England investigation into the conduct of three district councillors at the mayor's retirement ball in April last year have sparked demands by opposition politicians for Cllr Sandy Ezekiel to stand down.

Amid claim and counter-claim, one thing seems clear: an altercation took place at the ball. The Labour men say Cllr Ezekiel offered to fight Cllr Hart, saying "Come on, Hart, put your face in mine" and used obscene language towards Cllr Clark.

In turn, the council leader says Cllr Clark had referred to Memorial Day as a "Jews' do". He also claims Cllr Clark had asked his wife, who was in the mayor's office, if she was Jewish.

Cllr Ezekiel denies swearing at the function.

The board found that the behaviour of both the Tory leader and Labour councillor and former Margate mayor Doug Clark at the Winter Gardens event breached its Code of Conduct.

They have both been reprimanded for their



**DISAGREEMENT:**  
Cllrs Ezekiel (top),  
Clark and Hart were  
all investigated

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# Ladies prepare to race for their lives to support cancer charity

■ BY TOM BETTS

WOMEN from across the isle will line up to take part in the annual Race For Life when the starting gun goes off in June.

The district's race will be held at Quex Park, Birchington, on Sunday, June 22, and the chance to take part is still available.

Staff members from the Quex estate will be entering teams dressing up in various guises and could even run the 5km course in their wellies and work uniforms.

Participants can run, walk or simply amble their way along the course if they choose and will be among 750,000 women taking part across the country.

The Cancer Research UK event raises thousands for the fight to help women beat cancer each year and Ramsgate's Chloe Gambrill, who has become a Race For Life legend, will also be joining in.

After her grandmother Wendy Parrish fell victim to breast cancer, Chloe, 10, decided she wanted to take part in the annual cancer fundraiser to collect money for the cause. However, fate dealt the Gambrill family a cruel blow when Chloe was diagnosed with leukaemia just five weeks before race day in 2005 and her hopes of taking part looked all but lost.

But little Chloe's battling spirit proved more than anyone could have anticipated.

Determined the illness would not stop her from collecting the sponsorship money pledged to her by friends and family, she took part in the race anyway – even though she had undergone an important operation and chemotherapy just days before.

Despite the trying conditions and



**DETERMINED:** Young Chloe receives her Pride of Britain award from Carol Vorderman

finding the going tough, Ramsgate girl Chloe showed some real Thanet spirit and struggled on through the pain barrier.

Not even collapsing with exhaustion one kilometre in could keep the youngster from completing the Quex Park course.

Her exploits even led to a Pride of Britain award last year and she helped launch this year's race campaign.

Nine women-only races will take place across Kent between May and June.

Locations also include Mote Park in Maidstone on May 18 and June 8, Capstone Country Park in Gillingham, The Leas in Folkestone, Victoria Park in Ashford and along Herne Bay's seafront.

To enter race for Life 2008, phone the hotline on 0871 6412275, or visit [www.raceforlife.org](http://www.raceforlife.org) for more details.

**Ezekiel: 'I apologise to anyone I offended'**

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behaviour, although the board decided that no further action should be taken against either man.

Another Labour politician, county and district councillor Clive Hart, was also investigated but cleared of any wrongdoing.

Now, Labour members are accusing Cllr Ezekiel of threatening behaviour and calling for him to step down.

Cllr Hart said: "I think he should resign with immediate effect. How can you have a man talking about crime and anti-social behaviour when he's behaved like this?"

"This has been rumbling on for a year and I've had to see this man representing the town on trips to China and, quite frankly, I don't think he should be.

"I think that he's thrown mud at everybody to cover his tracks."

"The whole thing stinks and the result against Doug Clark is incredibly harsh."

Cllr Hart, who, like Cllr Clark, is a ward councillor for Cliftonville West, added: "What does the leader of the council have to do to have action taken against him?"

## Rebuffed

But Cllr Ezekiel rebuffed Cllr Hart's comments. He said: "The standards board findings demonstrate Cllr Hart's claims are inaccurate.

"They state that it was a dispute between two members started by the retiring mayor which was escalated by others joining in.

"There isn't an independent witness who heard me swear. The report says I was offensive and discourteous, not aggressive and abusive. They are two different things."

"Cllr Hart has asked me to apologise and I did last year to anyone I offended and do so again."

The investigation results were published on Friday last week.

The Standards Board of England is responsible for promoting ethical standards and investigating allegations of members' behaviour falling short of those standards.

It found that Cllr Ezekiel failed to comply with paragraphs 2 (b) and 4 of the Code of Conduct, which states that members must treat others with respect and that they must not bring his or her office or authority into disrepute.

In Cllr Clark's case the board found that he failed to comply with paragraph 2 (b), which states that a member must treat others with respect.

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# Tracey woe over 'death' of Margate

## Why returning to resort upsets artist Emin

BY TOM BETTS

TRACEY EMIN has compared Margate to the set of a tragic film.

Writing in The Independent, artist Emin, who spent much of her youth in the seaside resort, laments what she calls "the death of the town".

She wrote: "Margate for me should be somewhere I rejoice to come back to. A sort of spiritual place bound up in childhood memories and the fecundity of the sea.

"It should be a place of passion mixed up with Edwardian charm. A place of kinky contradictions, that's how Margate always used to be.

"Instead, now every time I approach the Golden Mile I am filled with dread and fear of what I may think."

She went on: "Every time I come here something has gone, something is missing. This time it's the Scenic Railway. Another time it's the Big Wheel.

"After the storms of '87 it was the pier. In the eighties it was the entire Lido complex.

"Every single time I come something has been burnt, destroyed, fire-bombed, boarded up, demolished or just completely forgotten about and left to go into a tragic state of disrepair."

The artist, now 44, lives in London but is sometimes seen taking pictures on the streets of Margate. She visits regularly but does not speak to the local press.

The article continued: "It's strange to witness the death of a town. In some ways there is a melancholy romance. It's like the tragic set of a film, but the sad thing is that the star is Margate.

"It has become Britain's tragic

Norma Desmond from Sunset Boulevard – almost nothing can save her.

"I never imagined in a million years that, at the age of 44, I would be sitting in my car, staring out of my window, thinking these thoughts.

"As a child Margate had magic. It had charisma. It had a sense of humour. But it also had incredible architecture, thousands of holidaymakers, day-trippers, beauty competitions, a thousand fish-and-chip shops, a harbour full of hundreds of brightly coloured fishing boats and an incredible Victorian funfair."

In the piece, Emin also talks about the famous sunsets painted by Turner and the decline of the Dreamland site.

• Visit [www.independent.co.uk/opinion/columnists/tracey-emin/tracey-emin-my-life-in-a-column-811091.html](http://www.independent.co.uk/opinion/columnists/tracey-emin/tracey-emin-my-life-in-a-column-811091.html).



WHAT NEXT? Tracey Emin says every time she returns to Margate, 'something has been destroyed'

## Easter a blast for youngsters

MORE than 1,000 young people attended the Easter Blast fun days.

The events, organised by Thanet council and Engage, were held across the isle over Easter.

Young people between the ages of 11 and 19 went along to the events in parks across the district to enjoy the events and activities.

Mike Fagg, from Engage, said: "It's proved to be a huge success, as shown by the fact that more than 1,000 young people came along to the four sessions.

"We're already planning for the Summer Blast launch which will be showcasing activities going on over the school holidays."

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The door's about to come in on a Ramsgate crack den

## Benefit cheats escape jail over £20,000 fraud

A MARGATE couple have been given suspended prison sentences for claiming more than £20,000 in benefits to which they were not entitled.

Pamela White, of Haine Road, Ramsgate, was receiving housing benefit, council tax benefit and income support on the basis she was a lone parent with three children.

However, an investigation by Thanet council and the Department of Works and Pensions revealed she had been living with taxi-driver Peter Logan as husband and wife since June 2006.

The total overpayment for income support was £11,227.91, £7,822.83 for housing benefit and £1,094.55 for council tax benefit.

White, 25, received eight months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, for the two charges to which she had pleaded guilty.

Logan, 27, received a four-month

prison sentence, also suspended for two years, for the charges he admitted.

The pair must complete 180 hours of unpaid community work and were ordered to pay the compensation for the housing benefit they claimed, with £1,956 to be paid at a rate of £30 each per month.

Cllr Martin Wise, cabinet member for finance, improvement and customer service, said: "The cases we have taken to court recently have sent a stark message out that the courts are getting increasingly tough on benefit fraudsters.

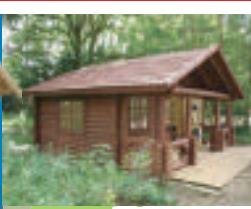
"This is not the first time we have had a judge saying he has considered a custodial sentence because of the seriousness of the crime.

"Benefit fraud is not a victimless crime. It takes from every single council tax-payer and the sentences for it can be severe, as this case proves."

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## Coast along for crustacean fun

THANET Coast Project is holding an afternoon of events to mark Low Tide Day on Saturday.

The afternoon will begin with a new art project as families are invited to build a giant crab from sandbags at the former Lido swimming pool site in Cliftonville from 2.5pm.

The session will be led by Ramsgate artist Ruth Cutler.

From 5pm a walk around the rockpools and sands along the coast will be led by project staff.

Spokesman Tony Child said: "The afternoon will be a fun one, aimed at helping to recreate one of our well known coastal inhabitants out of sandbags, followed by a glimpse into our marine life."

Both events are free. Phone 01843 577672 for more information.

## Arts festival is ready to rock

THE Margate Rocks festival begins at the weekend and this year takes on an arts and ecology theme.

The week-long event will be launched with a colourful display by stilt-walkers dressed as flowers, bananas and a whale in Margate's lower High Street, Market Street and the Piazza on Saturday from 10.30am-5pm.

The Nature's Bazaar street market will also be open, showcasing local arts, crafts and produce.

Young artists can get involved with pavement art sessions and can enjoy talks inside the huge inflatable whale, meeting pirates and mermaids.

Shows will be taking place throughout the day from 10.30am-4.30pm.

Music comes from folk band Waterhorse and Big Band Percussion.

• A full programme of festival events is available from [www.margaterocks.com](http://www.margaterocks.com).

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Ralph Hoults of Ramsgate's Granville Theatre, talks about its history

# Teens get the message as pregnancy rate falls

TEENAGE pregnancy rates in the isle are falling, according to new statistics.

The Kent Teenage Pregnancy Partnership's latest figures show that among 1,000 girls surveyed between the ages of 15 and 17, 55 of them gave birth in 2006.

The figure is a reduction of 12 from 2005, when the rate was 63 of every 1,000 teens.

However, the number of teenage pregnancies in Thanet still makes it the highest figure in the county.

Swale had the next highest rate with 48, then Ashford with 44.

The partnership's strategy co-ordinator, Ruth Herron, said: "I think the fall in Thanet is down to the really good partnership work we have going on in the district between schools, social services

■ BY TOM BETTS

and health. The social causes of teenage pregnancy are complex, so you have to have all those organisations on board to tackle the issue, not just to provide contraception but to offer young people someone to talk to."

She added: "You can provide young people with all the sex education and contraception you want, but if they're not driven by aspiration to delay getting pregnant until they are older, then they won't."

According to the partnership, teen pregnancy rates are higher in the parts of the county where deprivation is most prevalent and where the self-esteem and aspirations of young people are lowest.

Anette McKnight is head of pas-

toral care at Hartsdown Technology College.

She said: "The programmes we engage in with the partnership are extremely useful and we do a range of work with our students through our Personal Social Health Education programme.

"It's about identifying the problem and doing something about it, rather than sweeping it under the carpet."

The school has had just one teenage pregnancy this year and Ms McKnight said the girl was "being supported".

She added: "The issue is treated as importantly as other subjects. It comes in during Years 7 and 8, is revisited in Year 9 quite heavily and continues in Years 10 and 11.

"Results show that most children get their information from schools and most of them – more

than two-thirds in our school – said they didn't think you should be sexually active under 15, so they are already making the choice that that comes later."

"In the 1980s, people would say quite openly that having a baby was a way out of social problems, but that has changed.

"Now they look towards us – not to babies – as a way ahead. There has certainly been a change of emphasis."

"Here we teach the girls the confidence to say no and to only enter into intimate relationships when they are ready and when it is safe. There is an alternative and that they can say no."

Britain's teenage pregnancy rate is twice as high as in Germany and three times as high as in France, but Kent falls below the national average.



## SITTING PRETTY

These are the girls who will represent the town of Ramsgate during the forthcoming year.

What promises to be an incredibly busy 2008 really gets under way this weekend when the happy band will be heading north for their first carnival of the year.

Taking the prestigious title of Miss Ramsgate is 15-year-old Megan Duddy. She is a student at Ursuline College in Westgate-on-Sea and lives in Ramsgate.

Princesses Hannah Gisby, 15, and Chrissy Grindle, along with reserve princess Rebecca Hughes, 17, make up the rest of the court for 2008.

The girls were chosen at the annual selection dance and are setting off for their first carnival duties at Spalding in Lincolnshire on Saturday.

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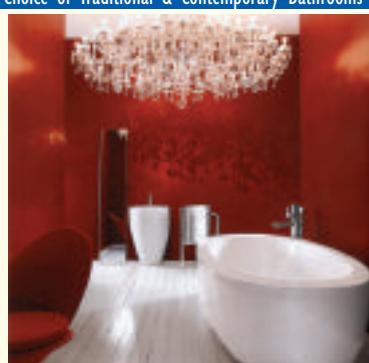
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HEALTH HAZARD: Signs of drug activity, including needles and spoons, in a drawer at the Brunswick Street flat

# Crack house 'nightmare' over at last

A NIGHTMARE is finally over for the residents of a block of flats in Ramsgate after a crack house was sealed up by police.

A three-month premises closure notice targeting a nuisance flat in Brunswick Street was issued to officers at Margate court on Thursday last week.

The flat had been occupied by John King and Sarah Gray since March 2007.

Mary Ralph, who lives opposite the flat with her husband David, spoke about what having a crack house on their doorstep meant.

She told magistrates: "It has been a nightmare. There are constant visits, sometimes up to 50 a day, fighting and slamming of doors. Mr King told us he had an £80- to £100-a-day drug habit."

Mr King and Ms Gray did not attend court, despite being told that they could, and have since moved on. Orbit, the housing association which owns the flats, is seeking to evict them permanently.

Many residents turned up at the court to witness what they hope is an end to their nightmare.

PC Sue Luck, an antisocial behaviour officer, built the case for the notice to be served.

She paid tribute to the residents who came

■ BY TOM BETTS

forward to support the action. "No one should have to endure what they have experienced and I am grateful for all that the residents have done," she said.

"The people who live there can start getting their lives back to normal. The comings and goings at the flat caused distress and have led to health problems.

"People have been outside shouting for drugs, doors have been kicked down and there has been an assault with a baseball bat."

Later on Thursday, police officers went to the flat and forced their way in to board it up.

They found dirty spoons and used needles in kitchen drawers and debris strewn throughout the flat.

PC David Ward, the neighbourhood officer, said attention was drawn to the block of flats when shoplifters were tracked there.

It was soon established that they were going to one particular flat and the gathering of evidence began. As a result, the premises closure notice was applied for under the Antisocial Behaviour Act 2003.

PC Ward said: "I think the residents will be a lot happier now. This shows that we won't tolerate what antisocial behaviour does to neighbouring residents."

## Alternative take on life at the seaside

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Short film Welcome To Margate was selected by the audience as their favourite movie of the day at the 2 Days Of Laughter competition held at the Theatre Royal earlier this month.

The film is akin to a satirical tourist board promotional video, introducing some of the local characters who make up the fabric of the seaside town.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Biker's 120mph burn-up ends in three-year ban

A RAMSGATE man's life in the fast lane came to a shuddering halt when magistrates banned him from driving for three years.

Martin Barnard was clocked travelling at 120mph on a borrowed motorcycle along the A2 near Canterbury.

Barnard, 29, of Ashburnham Road, had no driving licence because it had been confiscated by the courts. When stopped, Barnard tried to give a false name but eventually admitted who he was to a police officer.

Magistrates were considering a prison term but opted for a community penalty instead.

Kerry Waitt, defending at Canterbury magistrates' court, told the bench: "You are dealing with somebody who didn't think through the consequences of his actions."

Barnard was given a 90-day prison sentence suspended for 18 months, 200 hours' community work and an 18-month supervision order. He must also pay £60 costs.

### Fancy a drink, Darling? Not in here you don't

A WINE BAR in Birchington has banned the Chancellor of the Exchequer from its premises.

Alastair Darling will not be allowed to cross the threshold of Christies in Station Approach, Birchington, after the owner decided to exclude him for good.

A poster in the wine bar window confirms that the New Labour money man is not welcome.

Owner Derek Evans said: "I put the poster up because of the Chancellor's extra tax on beer – it has not been good for business."

### Alcohol grabbed from young drinkers in parks

POLICE have seized alcohol from teenagers during swoops on parks around the isle.

Cider, lager and alcopops were taken from under-age drinkers in Northdown Park, Cliftonville; Ellington Park, Ramsgate; and Pierremont Park in Broadstairs on Friday night.

Officers also visited eight licensed premises to remind staff of their responsibilities under the Licensing Act.

One outlet received a warning for not displaying a licence and six teenagers were stopped and searched during the evening.

Sgt Sue Groombridge said: "We run this operation regularly to remind the community that under-age drinking will not be tolerated."

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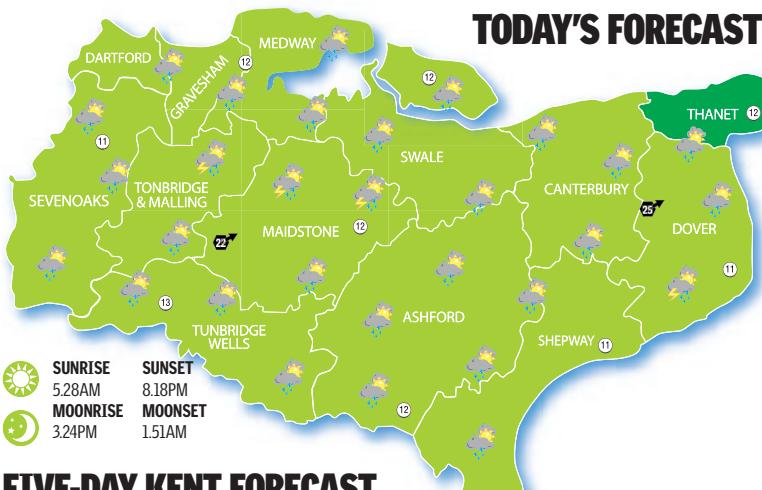
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Maidstone	Saturday	8:25am	5.5m
Canterbury	Sunday	9:15am	5.8m
Dungeness	Saturday	8:24am	6.1m
Ramsgate	Sunday	9:23am	6.5m
Sheerness	Saturday	8:55am	4.1m
Whitstable	Sunday	9:45am	4.4m
Sheerness	Saturday	9:44am	4.9m
Whitstable	Sunday	10:47am	5.2m
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Ashford	13°C	12°C	14°C	16°C	18°C
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Las Palmas	27°C	Wellington	18°C

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## Pastor sentenced for assault on guard

TRAINEE pastor Edward Yawe wasn't going to turn the other cheek when he was told to get off a train after failing to pay his fare.

Instead Yawe, of Sweyn Road, Cliftonville, near Margate, assaulted the train guard and had to be restrained by two passengers, Canterbury magistrates heard.

The Christ Church College theology student had previously been found guilty of assaulting conductor Thomas Beak on Sturry station last month.

Julie Farbrace, prosecuting, said the guard had seen Yawe, 26, get on the train at Ramsgate.

When he went to check tickets he saw Yawe go into the toilet.

She said: "When he didn't emerge for a while Mr Beak knocked on the door and didn't get an answer. He became concerned so he opened it with his pass key. When the train got to Sturry he told him to get off."

"Mr Yawe called 64-year-old Mr Beak an 'old man'. Two passengers intervened and in the scuffle Mr Beak received a cut to his right ear."

Yawe said: "It takes three of you to control one black man."

Nigel Numas, defending, said his client's assault on Mr Beak wasn't premeditated.

He works in the community as a trainee pastor but had received a caution for abusing British Transport Police officers on a train.

He said: "He could have dealt with the situation better."

Yawe was given a year's supervision order to include 80 hours of unpaid work. He was ordered to pay Mr Beak £100 compensation plus £300 costs.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

# JAN DUNN



**Q & A**

Jan Dunn, 44, is a film-maker with Medb films who shoots her work in Thanet. She tells **Tom Betts** about the difficulties of raising finance for independent movies and why Kent makes such a wonderful backdrop.

**Q** Tell us about Medb films

**A** Film producer Elaine Wickham and I met via a Screen South [regional film agency] New Talent initiative. We decided to join our companies and make a small film as a calling card to encourage finance to make our first feature film. Little did we know that the first film, *Gypo*, would become so successful that by default it became our first real feature film when it gained an international sales agent and a UK distributor at its first industry screening. Then it went on to win many prestigious film awards.

**Q** What is the main aim of the company?

**A** We are an independent film production company in Ramsgate owned and run by local people with an aim to make high-quality, low-budget independent film with a British voice.

**Q** Your new film *Ruby Blue* is in cinemas now – what's it all about?

**A** The story is about the innocent friendship of an elderly man with a little girl who moves in next door to him. It doesn't take long for gossip to build to a frenzy when he becomes the main suspect when the child goes missing. It's really about the loss of community I felt when I was growing up. People are so transient now and in many neighbourhoods people don't speak to each other. Whenever I've moved to a new area, people have looked at me oddly when I've simply said a "good morning" to them.

**Q** What do you count as your greatest achievement?

**A** Finally getting a feature film made. It has taken a lifetime to get to this point, with a lot of sacrifices along the way.

**Q** Where do you envisage yourself in five years' time?

**A** Still making feature films but with the right budget for each film.

**Q** Who is your inspiration in life?

**A** Aung San Suu Kyi, the elected Burmese Prime Minister under house arrest, for never giving up.

**Q** You shoot in Thanet a lot – is there any particular reason for that?

**A** I love Kent – it is a great place to shoot – and the people are wonderful supporters of film. As we have so little money, I need to write something around the locations I know. I'd love to pick other areas of Kent to shoot in, too, once my budgets don't dictate where I set them. We also now have the wonderful Kent Film Office, which is very user-friendly for film companies.

**Q** Is it hard raising money for independent films?

**A** Yes, very, but it's hard raising film finance in general. At least with lower budgets, there is a higher chance of making the investment back.

In fact we have never tried to raise money from the traditional finance route because it takes so many years and to keep afloat we need to make a film a year. We are still looking for completion finance on our latest film, so if there are any would-be film investors out there...

**Q** What is your favourite movie?

**A** Too many to mention, but I usually end up coming back to this tiny little independent Australian comedy called *The Castle*. It's brilliant on every level and it's a film everyone can relate to – and that is a hard film to make. Although it's a small independent film, it nearly won pretty much all the major film awards – it was never likely to win, but for that kind of indie film to become a contender is amazing.

**Q** You've worked with some famous names – who has been especially good to work with?

**A** I have to say so far I've never had those diva moments from any of my leading actors or actresses, so I think they have all been individual and fabulous in their own ways and I have been honoured they have come down here to work with us. Brenda Blethyn stands out as she is a nice person and genuine. I've spent time with her and people just don't leave her alone. I wouldn't have the tolerance she has – she is just so kind and patient. It's actually quite a tough thing to do, you have to be so nice all the time. I'm nice most of the time, but I would probably snap on an off day!

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Response on the street to news Madonna is coming to play Maidstone next month.



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The chairman of the Kent branch of the NFU outlines the dangers posed by bluetongue.

## EDITOR'S CHOICE

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# Festival tickets: the wait is over

MUSIC fans hoping to snap up a ticket for BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend in Maidstone next month will learn this week if they are among the lucky ones.

Demand for tickets soared after it was confirmed that legend Madonna would be headlining the main stage on Saturday night – supported by a host of other big names.

Some 500,000 fans were expected to have registered for a pair of free tickets for the event, which takes place over the weekend of May 10-11 at Mote Park.

And although the odds of getting a pair of passes for one day of the two-day event will be slim – just 30,000 tickets are available – those living in Kent will get priority.

Postcode checks will ensure the bulk of the tickets go to locals, before they are made available to those living outside the county.

The closing date for ticket applications was 10pm on Monday – with those lucky enough to secure a pair of the sought-after tickets being notified from today through until Friday.

However those being selected are warned not to then try to sell on the tickets. With tickets for regular Madonna shows fetching hundreds of pounds on the black market, strict conditions have been put down, with tickets non-transferable and likely to be subject to strict security checks.

Madonna is expected to confirm two dates at Wembley Stadium for September, so the Maidstone show will be a rare chance to see her perform outside of a stadium setting.

Some of the acts performing across four stages include:

**SATURDAY:** Madonna, Usher, The Fratellis, Scouting For Girls, Duffy, The Feeling, The Editors, Fatboy Slim.

**SUNDAY:** The Kooks, The Enemy, Nelly, Goldfrapp, The Raconteurs, The Zutons, Adele and DJ Zane Lowe.



**BIG NAMES:** Madonna will headline on Saturday night, while Adele will perform the following day

Radio 1 DJ Jo Whiley said: "The Big Weekend properly kicks off the summer festival season for me and is a brilliant chance to see a stack of great bands over two days."

"This year the line-up is better than ever. Only Radio 1 could bring Madonna to Maidstone. And on top of that, I'm definitely going to be checking out The Kooks, Adele, Goldfrapp and Robyn on the main stage."

The Big Weekend has the highest profile of a host of major music events taking place in the county this summer – among them performances by Neil Young, Primal Scream and Supergrass at Paddock Wood's Hop Farm and the Zoo8 Festival at wildlife park Port Lympne.

• See the music page for the latest news from the Hop Farm show and links to video clips from a host of up-and-coming local bands.



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ONLINE: Bob Geldof at the launch last September

## Council's broadband TV channel expands into new territory

KENT County Council's online TV service is to be expanded – and shifted into new headquarters.

Kent TV, launched six months ago by Faversham Live Aid hero Bob Geldof's Ten Alps media company, has unveiled 15 new channels boasting more than 70 sub-channels.

Operating on behalf of KCC, Kent TV already features some 700 films commissioned from local production companies or submitted by local film-makers and community groups.

Among the new channels will be an information service 'how-to', covering a range of topics from how to find a reliable car mechanic to a guide to how to appeal against school selection procedures, as well as a history and food channel.

This summer, Kent TV will also launch a What's On? service for residents and tourists alike.

John McGhie, editor of Kent TV, said: "After six months on air, we're now getting a much better idea of what people want from Kent TV and we're responding to that with the new channels, better navigation and making it easier for people to submit their own films.

"We've also been working hard to make sure Kent TV now meets the highest standards of accessibility for visual and hearing-impaired people."

Kent TV is the first fully-funded local authority broadband TV service in the UK. It is available on demand and is for anyone who lives, works, visits or studies in Kent.

It has also confirmed it is shifting to the Maidstone Studios at Vinters Park.

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# GTA IV will make a killing

■ BY NICK AMES

IT IS being touted as the biggest event in video game history and stores are braced for one of their busiest weeks of the year.

Grand Theft Auto IV arrived in Kent shops yesterday amid a whirl of hype and expectation – and the sound of tills ringing.

Outlets such as HMV in Maidstone opened their doors at midnight to meet the huge demand for the controversial title and there were fears it could quickly become sold out.

Remarkably, the game – set to become the fastest selling in history – is due to take more than £200 million in its first week alone.

That's equivalent to the first week's takings of Hollywood's biggest ever opening movie, Pirates Of The Caribbean 3, At World's End.

Which means GTA IV could make in one week the equivalent of the entire international gross takings of the movie Gone With The Wind since its release in 1939 – a clear sign of what a massive player in the entertainment market the video games industry has become.

However, the game has also drawn criticism from some quarters.

The plot of the game – which would take 40 hours to play straight through – sees former soldier turned immigrant Niko Bellic arrive in a disguised New York – called Liberty City – ready for action. Niko had been promised a



AMERICAN SCREAM: The ultra-violent Grand Theft Auto IV has drawn criticism from immigrants' rights groups

new life by his cousin after his arrival from Eastern Europe, but false promises lead him into a life of crime and violence. As well as stealing cars and goading police into chases, he can visit prostitutes, run down pedestrians and get a foothold in the world of drugs.

Canterbury MP Julian Brazier has warned of the dangers of such games and GTA IV has also attracted criticism from immigrants' rights groups.

A spokesman for the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants said the central char-

acter could cause problems for Eastern Europeans. "This plays on untrue stereotypes," he said.

But that is unlikely to stop gamers rushing out to buy a copy. Eventual profits for makers Rockstar Games could exceed half a billion pounds.

A spokesman for HMV said: "Games are the new rock and roll and we expect to sell more GTA IV copies than Madonna's new release."

The game is available for the Sony PlayStation and Microsoft's Xbox 360.

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BY THE BOOK: Youngsters were encouraged to keep up the reading habit during the campaign launch

## Are you sitting comfortably?

A COMFY sofa and dozens of copies of Your midweek newspapers helped start the National Year of Reading drive.

A three-piece suite was placed outside County Hall, Maidstone, on Monday last week, giving youngsters and adults the perfect place to pick up our papers for a quick read.

Passers-by were also tempted to stop off by a cosy bed, an easychair and a rug, all helping to build the "great place to read" theme.

Youngsters from nearby schools were treated to storytelling sessions during the launch event and offered a range of books to read.

KCC's community services chief Mike Hill

said: "This was a fun way to get the message across that reading is important and should be a central part of everybody's life.

"Reading is everywhere, and isn't just about books but can include the internet, newspapers – even instruction leaflets.

"I hope the National Year of Reading will inspire those who do not read very much – and those who do – to make it a priority, not just for this year but throughout their leisure, work and home lives."

KCC is planning and promoting a range of activities and events in the next year to encourage people to fall back into love with reading.

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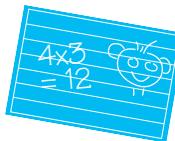
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# Investing in green challenges

THANET College stands to gain up to £34 million from the Government as part of a scheme to develop low-carbon colleges throughout the country.

Building Colleges For The Future, launched by the Department for Innovation,

■ BY TOM BETTS

Universities and Skills outlines detailed proposals for the largest-ever further education building works programme, which will see £2.3 billion invested over the next three years.

The news was welcomed by Thanet South MP Dr Steve Ladyman.

He said: "It is incredible news that this huge investment from the Government has been earmarked for Thanet College."

"This government has already invested in the young people of east Kent with the creation of a Thanet Campus, built with land from a Labour council and with money from the Labour government."

"Now we are on track to see the Government putting a

huge further investment into Thanet College and breaking new ground by facilitating the building of a genuinely green college."

"Thanet College serves people from throughout my constituency, people from Ash and Sandwich as well as people from Ramsgate and Broadstairs and throughout east Kent."

"It has a key role in ensuring that our community is equipped with the skills we will need in the future."

Sue Buss, principal of Thanet College, has welcomed the news.

She said: "As soon as we knew that these funds were available, the college applied for grant support to build a complete new college in the heart of Thanet."

"Many colleges have applied for funds to adapt current buildings or add annexes, but Thanet is one of the minority of colleges that has been successful in gaining support for a completely new campus."

"Our chosen site is alongside Canterbury Christ

Church University in Broadstairs, where we will be able to create a further and higher education campus."

"The funding will provide a state-of-the-art building with outstanding facilities. As this will be on the new site, there will be no disruption for our current students."

"Our new campus will be environmentally efficient, but we are also mindful of traffic issues. We are working on a green travel policy to minimise the impact on the local community."

## Opportunity

"We are excited by this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a fantastic new campus for further education and training in Thanet."

The aim of the BCfF scheme is to provide every community with top-quality further education facilities, with 150 colleges throughout England set to benefit.

In the case of Thanet College, two grants, one of £1,259,000 and a second of £32,332,950, have been set aside subject to final approval

of their plans by the Learning and Skills Council.

This will be one of the biggest awards anywhere in the UK.

The strategy will ensure all new facilities are environmentally sustainable and zero-carbon by 2016, two years ahead of the Government's target for public sector buildings.

Thanet College is currently revising the plans for its new college and is on track for approval within a few months. The funds, provided by central government, amounting to just under £34 million, have been set aside pending that approval by the Learning and Skills Council.

Dr Ladyman added: "I wish the college was not moving from its current site and an investment on this scale would suggest it could have been rebuilt at its current location, but if it is to move then we want the new facility to be the best it can be."

"This allocation of funds means that the college can aim for the top. I'm delighted the college is in line for this windfall."

## BREAK TIME



ALL ABOARD: Broadstairs nursery pupils jumped on the county council's Discovery Bus for a day out

## Discovery Bus took kids for a ride

CHILDREN from a Broadstairs nursery had a great time when they hopped on a fun bus for the day.

The youngsters from the Butterflies Nursery in the town's Church Road took part in a touch-screen quiz, badge-making and dressing-up activities aboard the county council's popular Discovery Bus with its Ocean theme.

The nautical set-up made the children's colouring-in activities go with a swim and they also played with hand puppets, read books, completed puzzles and dressed up in costumes during their time on board.

The pre-schoolers also had their pic-

ture taken with KCC early years mascot Ollie the Octopus for posterity.

Marie Privett, of Butterflies, said: "The children all told me they really had an amazing time. It was a day well spent."

To book the bus, which has disabled access for your group or organisation, phone Sharon Edwards on 01622 626760.

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Labour district councillor David Green discusses the future of the isle's threatened shoreline



# We can't wave away the urgency of saving coast

THE Shoreline Management Plan is an agreement with the Environment Agency concerning what is required to manage the Thanet coastline for the next 100 years.

It is a response to climate change and the gradual sinking of south-east England.

Most of the Thanet coast has been designated as HTL (Hold The Line) or NAI (No Active Intervention).

This means those areas where there is coastal protection, the policy is to preserve and maintain it.

Where there is no protection, such as at Epple Bay, Sackets Gap, Foreness to Kingsgate Bay, Joss Bay to Stone Bay, Dumpton Gap to Winterstoke Undercliff and Western Undercliff to Pegwell Bay, NAI means letting the sea take its course.

The exception to this is the Reculver sea-wall, where the policy is 'managed realignment', using the land behind as a sponge to soak up the rising sea level.

Then the railway line and Thanet Way would be threatened and I'm told that, because of the nature of the floodplain, rebuilding a wall further back would require deep piling and be very expensive.

It would also lead to the destruction of 200 acres of prime farmland.

HTL means that the sea-walls and cliff reinforcements need constant maintenance.

The £500,000 restoration work on the cliff wall in Ramsgate Eastcliff is an example of how expensive this can be if work is left undone.

I have made the point at Thanet council that 17 projects identified by officers amounting to £2 million of work had been put off for yet another year by the current administration.

There will be a price to pay for this.

In case you think the impact of this is all in the future, consider the case of the proposed developments at Dreamland and the Turner

centre in Margate, and Pleasurama in Ramsgate.

All will need protection from the sea and are restricted in terms of what can be built at ground level. Is it sensible to build our future plans upon such threatened sites?

The Pleasurama situation is particularly acute as the Environment Agency has reconsidered its advice, suggesting that the building may be at risk from what it calls wave over-topping at exceptionally high tides.

The strong suggestion is that escape routes to the cliff-top should be included in any design.

Further work is urgently needed concerning the impact of rising sea levels on Thanet's beaches. Loss of these assets would be truly catastrophic.

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And you can be there thanks to a great competition we're running.

Blondie will perform on July 28 as part of a string of shows taking place at the riverside concert venue as part of the Motor Show at ExCeL in London.

A collection of other world-famous acts will perform to mark the event. Stars so far confirmed include: UB40, Status Quo, Squeeze, Here and Now 80s Tour (featuring Bananarama, Belinda Carlisle, Paul Young, Toyah, Kid



Status Quo

Creole and the Coconuts, Midge Ure and Nick Heyward) Deep Purple and Jools Holland featuring Marc Almond, Alice Cooper, Chicago and Meat Loaf and now Blondie too.

Music festival tickets will be sold separately but include free access to The British International Motor Show on the day of the concert giving you two shows for the price of one. Ticket prices are £25/£30/£27.50/£32.50, and wheelchair spaces are available with carer free (all tickets subject to booking

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But you could be there for free after we teamed up with Live Nation to offer ten readers a pair of tickets to the concert of their choice; which, of course, will also allow the winner to attend the motor show on the same day.

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**Question: Which US band fronted by Debbie Harry has just been added to the line-up?**

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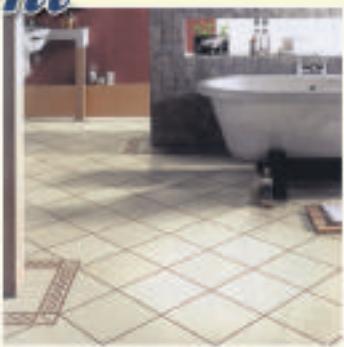
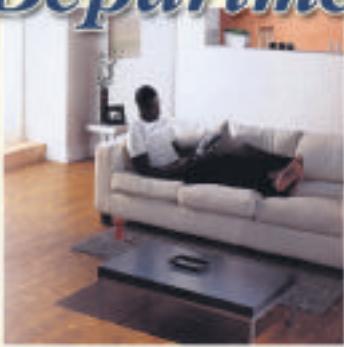
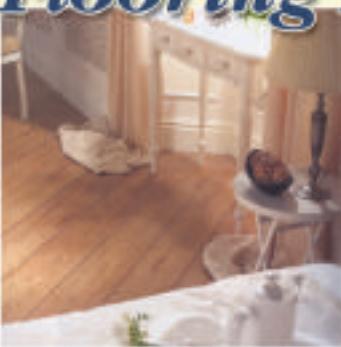
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# yourletters

## TALK TIME

### LUKE APPLEBY

Luke is a fireman from Ramsgate and a marathon runner who raised funds for the Autism Society



**What motivated you to run the London Marathon?**  
I've always enjoyed running, back to school cross-country runs. I was not noted for my team-playing skills but enjoyed athletics and realised I had the capability to run long distances. However, it wasn't until I was 30 that I entered my first marathon. I thought it would be the ultimate challenge. Although I was never going to be in the top 10, it still gave me the opportunity to be part of a race that top athletes were in and I've never looked back since.

**What was your feeling when crossing the line?**  
It is hard to explain the exact feeling. I'm sure everyone has a different account, but when I saw the line I had a feeling of euphoria and despite you being totally drained that carries you across the line. It's emotional because you have achieved your goal and the ultimate challenge you gave yourself is complete. Therefore all those hard months of training for this one special day have paid off and you feel so proud.

**Is it as tiring as looks?**  
As a viewer from your armchair you can see the different expressions on people's faces and their agony. But when I started training, I realised my body's limitations and fitness levels, so I followed a training plan as much as possible. I took things gradually and didn't push too hard too soon.

**Why would you recommend to others?**  
It seems a crazy thing to recommend to someone else, but I think at some stage in life you want to experience a once-in-a-lifetime experience or challenge. This could be a bungee jump, parachute jump, a swim with dolphins or driving a race car! I would say it's a major challenge, not just on race day but also the training prior to that.

## YOUR LETTERS

### Vocation means children first

The news that teachers have been on strike is an absolute disgrace. They are in a vocation, not a job, and that vocation is to help young people to learn.

They already get more holidays per year than any other profession and these are, needless to say, all fully paid.

While it may be uncomfortable on some occasions dealing with unruly youngsters, teachers should realise they are in an enviable position.

And they should not put the education of the children in their care at risk.

Paul Jacobs  
Broadstairs

### Councils have had their day

The house price correction needed to happen. Far worse is the insatiable usury of the banks and the Government.

I have campaigned since 2000 for "affordable living", but how can that happen when we are being ripped off by false free markets and dubious unregulated utilities and food purveyors beyond our control?

I don't mind the natural cycles of the weather, or economic belt-tightening. After all, human beings are naturally resilient and resourceful – like nature, we could recover given the chance.

What I cannot stand is the greed, sleaze and corrupt practices of government and some local councils. They are

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Councils are prosecuting us for whatever rules they decide to enforce. They have outlived their usefulness and are an unjust

monopoly that extracts council tax and gives us nothing back of any value or meaning. Nit-picking hypocrites pursuing taxpayers with overzealous narrow-mindedness are the worst elements in England.

They are backward, inflexible and unyielding, ie unsuitable for the purpose of spending our money or laying down the law now we know that their salary packages take first bite out of public cash.

R Grootendorst  
Sidcup

### Get our officers back on the beat

I have to agree with the correspondent who wrote last week saying the state of policing in our towns was hardly high-profile.

You hardly ever see a policeman out walking the beat – all you ever see is them screaming past with lights flashing in a car which is usually hogging the middle of the road.

It may not be politically correct in these days of accountability, paperwork and target-related performances – but seeing an officer walking down the street talking to people and getting to know a local area would be extremely heartening.

Rachel Warne  
Margate

### Churchyard is ideal for nature

The group which has banded together to turn a churchyard into a thriving area for wildlife has to be applauded.

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Such moves to introduce natural plants and animals to an appropriate environment are very welcome indeed – especially at a time when more and more of our countryside seems to be under threat from developers.

More green space is welcome – especially when it is in as natural a state as possible.

Mark Ledger  
Ramsgate

## Tourists can see the real Margate

It's good to see the open-top bus tours are coming back to the area in time for summer – but what will the tourists actually see?

There's the burnt-out rollercoaster, the closed-down amusement park, the boarded-up shop fronts and the scruffy pubs. Oh, and the charity shops.

Will all these be on the agenda for sightseeing? To my mind they should be as they are exactly what Margate is all about.

Anna Phillips  
Margate

## Dreamland rebuild is a great idea

I feel that last week's blogger Simon Moores deserves a pat on the back for his enthusiasm.

The vision of a new Dreamland emerging from what we have now is one which is fully shared by many

people who have the future of our town at heart.

Margate once thrived and it can easily do so again, and Dreamland is one of the keys to this.

In the words of a famous film – "build it and they shall come".

Colin Pawson  
Margate

## Ryman league is the best we have

In last week's sports pages there was a report on the thrilling game at Hartsdown between Margate and Folkestone Invicta which ended up 5-4 to the visitors.

This match was an excellent example of all that is right with non-league football and put the Premiership prima donnas and their antics to shame.

True blood and thunder football was on display and the action was non-stop.

If our top league is the most entertaining in the world – what does that make the Ryman Premier?

Rupert Smith  
Broadstairs

## Cat killer needed time to reflect

What a terrible disgrace is the man who shot and killed a neighbour's cat with an air-rifle – as reported in last week's Yourthanet.

The sort of mentality which leads someone to fire a gun at a

defenceless animal is disgusting.

It is right the person responsible received a large fine, but would a prison sentence not have given him time to contemplate the error of his ways?

Mike Hamilton  
Margate

## It's been a long wait for information

So SFP Ventures UK Ltd was not available for comment ('Risk of Flooding At Seafront Site', Yourthanet, April 23).

Come on, Yourthanet... SFP etc would be available for comment if you made the effort. You could pray. God might pass on your message. You could leave a note under a four-leafed clover. Or put a message in a bottle and throw it in the sea. I often find a ouija board useful.

You could insist that SFP etc comes blinking into the honest midday sun to engage with the people instead of hiding behind Thanet council and Terence Painter Properties etc.

But that would be a waste of the rest of your time, our time, all time.

Just once, just one time, just for auld lang syne, I'd like council leader Sandy Ezekiel to come on record and say where in the solar system SFP etc is based, where its company is registered, who its directors are and, lastly, where its funding comes from.

We have been asking these questions since 2003 to no avail. Kim Jong-il of North Korea is more garrulous.

Gerry O'Donnell  
Ramsgate First

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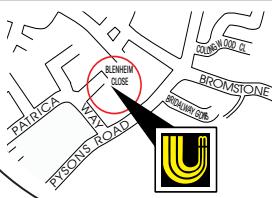
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IMPOLITE: Roy Chubby Brown rarely appears on television because of his coarse humour, but he has gathered a massive nationwide following

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THE air of Chatham will be turning blue when Roy 'Chubby' Brown takes to the stage.

Few comedians, with the possible exception of Bernard Manning, have divided opinion the way Brown has during his 30-year career.

Considered by some to be the most offensive comedian in the country, Brown continues to fill theatres and is viewed with great affection by his many fans.

Born into one of the country's poorest industrial suburbs in 1945, Brown - who started out in life as Royston Vasey - faced a difficult childhood in Middlesbrough.

When he was nine years old, his mother ran off and took Brown's sister with her, leaving the boy with his beloved but often violent father.

The family sometimes found itself in dire straits and Brown started stealing, so trouble with the police inevitably followed.

By the time he reached 19, Brown had accumulated an undesirable CV. He had spent two years in Britain's

toughest borstal, followed by many months in prison and had even been stabbed while in the Merchant Navy.

The young man had been married and divorced, with two children to provide for. When he was released from prison, Brown joined a band and set about touring working men's clubs, determined to escape his deprived lifestyle.

He might have continued a career in music if the band had not split, which prompted him to try his hand at stand-up. Armed with the humour of the docks and a new name, Brown gradually honed his craft in a tough environment and discovered his forte in blue comedy.

An appearance on New Faces in the 70s earned him second place in the show, but he reportedly failed to get past the audition for Opportunity Knocks after saying a\*\*e in the interview.

Despite rarely appearing on mainstream television channels due to his coarse material, he has built up an enormous fan base worldwide and sold millions of DVDs and videos.

His autobiography, Common as Muck, reached number seven in the

Sunday Times Bestsellers List and his influence is felt, albeit indirectly, in contemporary comedy. He has made cameo appearances in cult series League of Gentlemen as the mayor of Royston Vasey, the creepy fictional town named after him.

With his 1995 hit Living Next Door to Alice, recorded as a parody with original band Smokie, he became the first person to take a song with the word f\*\*\* in it to number one.

Brown, who is married, was diagnosed with throat cancer at the age of 60 and faced losing the voice that had made his fortune. But he pulled through and fans can experience his inimitable humour first-hand when he visits Chatham.

The show is suitable for over-18s only and people who are easily offended are advised to stay away.

Tickets cost £19/£18. To book, phone the box office on 01634 338338, or visit the website at [www.medway.gov.uk/theatres](http://www.medway.gov.uk/theatres).

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The darkly comic play will be followed by a chance for the audience to try out the masks and puppets, or simply ask questions.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £10 or £8, or £7 for Friends of the Theatre Royal. To book, phone the box office on 01227 787787.



## OH BOY! IT'S THE NON STOP SIXTIES

Sunday, May 11  
Winter Gardens, Margate



RELIVE the sounds of the 60s in a fantastic show featuring some of the legendary decade's best acts.

Oh Boy! It's the Non Stop Sixties features an impressive line-up of original stars, including PJ Proby who released hits such as

Somewhere, Marie and Hold Me.

and sold more than five million records.

Chris Farlowe will be remembered for his timeless singles Out of Time and Handbags & Gladrags, a version of which later became the theme tune for Ricky Gervais' The Office.

Twist & Shout, Do You Love Me and Candyman were among the songs made famous by Brian Poole, while Kent-based band Vanity Fare, pictured, achieved gold disc status with two releases

## IS THIS FUNNY?

Friday, May 2  
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



THE stars of BAFTA award-winning comedy Gavin and Stacey will be paying an exclusive visit to Canterbury this week.

Mat Horne and James Corden want to try out material for their new television show in Is This Funny? Judging by their recent success in BBC3's hit comedy, it should be more hit than miss.

Gavin and Stacey follows the exploits of a girl from Wales and a boy from Essex who fall in love and just want to be together. But with their respective friends and family in tow, life is never simple.

The show won the public-voted Audience Award at last week's BAFTAs, while co-creator Corden picked up the gong for Best Comedy Performance.

As well as stints as a presenting duo, the pair have enjoyed success separately. Horne starred in Channel 4's Teachers and is a regular on The Catherine Tate Show.

Corden has appeared in Cruise of the Gods, Mike Leigh's All or Nothing and stage and screen versions of The History Boys.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £7/£6. Phone the box office on 01227 769075, or book at [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk).

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As part of the Margate Rocks arts festival, the project will lead a number of free events between Saturday and Sunday, May 3-11. Activities include creating a giant 'lido crab' with sand bags, exploring the wildlife found in rock pools and photographing the stunning coastal landscapes and wildlife.

For full details, see [www.thanetcoast.org.uk](http://www.thanetcoast.org.uk), or phone 01843 577672.

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Proprietor Victor Hill said: "Our function room, which seats up to 18 people comfortably, has an 18th century hearth and is an ideal venue for private parties. The menu is varied and offers a range of reasonably priced set-menu options."

The restaurant offers a good wine list from the New and Old World, with robust flavours that accompany Thai food well. For food lovers, Thai cuisine offers a rich variety of flavours, textures and tastes from the subtle to the spicy.

Victor added: "All in all, the restaurant offers a great night out with a delicious and copious meal at very good value for money."

The current team took over the restaurant in Easter 2003, and they have just celebrated their fifth anniversary.

It is open for sit-down meals and take-away from 5.30-11pm Tuesday to Sunday, closed on Mondays, except for summer bank holidays.

Victor explained the secret of success has been very much down to the skill of his staff.

He said: "We have an exceptional chef who



makes all his own sauces and pastes. Within reason, we try to source from local Kentish producers. The ambience is warm and relaxing and the service prompt and unfussy.

"We aim to be the best Thai restaurant in Kent, offering an affordable but exceptional customer service proposition."

And Victor is clear on the skills of his chef. He said: "A restaurant manager can no more manage a talented chef than a racehorse owner can 'manage' a champion race horse."

"If he is good, he knows what to do and he does it. Getting the menu right might take

very protracted negotiations, but once it is right it can remain substantially unchanged for a long time. Our chef is also an accomplished artist who paints abstract paintings in his leisure time. He can carve a castle out of a carrot and a pagoda out of a beetroot."

The restaurant was awarded the Thanet Summer Sizzle a few years back, pictured, judged by Antony Worrall Thompson who loved chef Francis' red curry lamb.

They were also nominated for the Produced In Kent Best Restaurant award three years running 2005-2007.



### Try some truly traditional fare

### ■ The Fayreness

STUNNING sea views and a lovely hotel make this somewhere people want to return to time and time again.

It serves bar food from midday until 9.15pm. But the restaurant, which opens from midday until 2.15pm and then 6-9.15pm makes customers and guests want to stay rather than go elsewhere. The best selling dish is English roast beef and Yorkshire pudding.

The hotel caters for everything from wedding receptions to birthday parties, having superb facilities and expertise stretching back 30 years when it comes to organising all the little details as well.

Over the years it has attracted its fair share of celebrity diners and guests as well.

Ross believes there are five equally important keys to running a successful restaurant: choice on the menu, ambience, staff and service, location and value for money.

"Consistency is important too and so long as

you have good staff, teamwork and good food you are well on the way to success. I think it's important to know your customers as well."

Ross praised the chef Roy Tipping: "He has been with us for seven years. He's very loud and very mad but he manages a very busy kitchen with great ability."

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### ■ Newby's Wine Bar

AFTER 12 years in business the owner of this popular bar and restaurant is under no illusion as to why it has been such a success; ambience.

The owner Richard Ash said: "This is an original old town eating house in an 18th century building with a great atmosphere."

Local produce features high on the menu: "We use Kentish beef and lamb as well as vegetables and fish all complemented by the more exotic ostrich and kangaroo. We have an extensive vegetarian selection too."

But Richard says it remains difficult to pick out one particular favourite dish: "All our dishes are popular, honestly, many customers return time and time again and are happy to try something new each time. I believe our success can be summed up in three words: fresh, fresh, fresh!"



The restaurant can cater for parties and functions accommodating up to 60 people without any difficulty.

And he counts Timothy Spoll among many famous faces who have graced his restaurant over the years including several soap actors.

While he is in no doubt that ambience is one of the main draws, he said success has also been earned thanks to friendly and efficient staff

and, of course, good food. "Value for money is also important alongside the service that people rightly expect."

In the kitchen Richard says his chefs have rarely demonstrated the popular myth of swearing too much but he believes a good chef is 'always creative and a little strange'.

Newby's is open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from 11.30am until 2.30pm and evenings.

## Beauty and comfort

### ■ The Comfort Inn

THE three-star Comfort Inn in Ramsgate can cater for conferences, weddings, anniversaries and functions.

But it is also open to anyone who wants to have a meal or a drink while gazing out across the English Channel, with its wide menu offering traditional and Indian dishes to diners.

One of the most popular dishes is Muglai Chicken - chicken in a creamy tomato and onion sauce with ground nuts - from the Indian menu.

Steak and cob are the English equivalent and the inn boasts a team of Indian and English chefs who work on the two complementary menus.

Karen Nash, duty manager, said: "We enjoy looking after customers and trying to anticipate what they want. We like our customers to leave having had a positive dining experience and thinking about when they are coming back."

"Value for money would be what our customers want, together with excellent staff and



service and they get plenty of choice with our menu.

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#### Tartar Frigate Seafood Restaurant

Crab cake with a prawn salsa served with coriander and lime mayonnaise is a great starter. Then try roast salmon fillet with a crab crust and lemon butter sauce served with mixed vegetables and choice of potatoes. Finish with pain au chocolate pudding.

#### The Comfort Inn

Enjoy half a roast chicken with Indian spiced gravy served with grilled onion and tomatoes, or try lamb sali; tender cuts of lamb with apricots in a spicy red masala sauce.

#### Pad Thai

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For a selection, pop into your nearest store at Westwood Cross, or log on to [www.evans.co.uk](http://www.evans.co.uk).

### Ra-ra for bubbles - the new look on the street

DIP-DYE bubble dresses are one of the season's stand-out pieces at New Look.

Retailing at £50, the dresses - in blue or purple - make up part of the Lacquered Society range and look great teamed with a knot waist belt (£8) and a pair of strappy wedge sandals (£20).

Crochet mini ra-ra skirts in pink and white (£22), vintage lace-trim sundresses in black or turquoise (£30) and white skinny jeans (£20) are other items in the range that are hot right now.

Stores are in Margate High Street and at Westwood Cross.

### Cook up a storm with specials from WH Smith

WH SMITH is offering up to 60 per cent off cookery books.

Rick Stein's Mediterranean Escape and Gordon Ramsay's Healthy Eating are both reduced from £20 to £10.

For those wanting to get into shape for this summer, Cook Yourself Thin by Sophie Mitchell, Gizzi Erskine, Harry Eastwood and Sal Henley is available for £8.99 from £14.99.

Head down to the stores in Margate High Street, Westwood Cross or Ramsgate High Street.

### Get caught in Monsoon but keep your hair dry

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## YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY TOM BETTS

### CHILD GENIUS AT THIRTEEN

Channel 4, 9pm, Wednesday

### SHIPWRECKED: BATTLE OF THE ISLANDS

Channel 4, 12.55pm, Sunday

CHANNEL FOUR often brings us the best and worst television of the week.

In the red corner, and fighting for the better more enlightening side of entertainment, is Child Genius At Thirteen.

This fascinating show charted the lives of three uber-intelligent teenagers as they came to terms with the fact that they made the rest of us look like plankton.

We met Michael and Dante, who, with IQs of 170 (the highest the scale goes up to) made Aimee, their compatriot in all things clever, look like a relative dunce, even if she was bemoaning the fact that her parents hadn't read War And Peace.

Michael, an author at nine and lover of particle physics, was a game chap, and his mum said: "I think the day is coming when he realises he's more intelligent than we are."

Someone really should tell her that day came and went a few years ago.

But it was Dante, a lad who will either go on to become the Prime Minister or a serial killer, who was the star of the show.

Not only was he clever beyond belief but he had the best line in put-downs.

On learning that he had taken a replica firearm to school following a trip to Paris with fellow mega-brain Michael, his mother explained: "Your therapist didn't think you were dangerous."

"Well, at least we know he's accurate..." replied the intelligent rapscallion.



**A FLESH BUNCH:** The only reason to watch Shipwrecked is to enjoy the rather fine view

Wishing they could come up with something anywhere near as intelligent are the contestants in the blue corner, the sun-kissed hunks and honeys on the channel's Shipwrecked: Battle of the Islands.

Perfect hangover TV, this is ultimately just about watching sexy young things cavort about on the beach in various states of undress.

We are introduced to spoilt brats, working-class heroes and middle-class art students, but really the one thing they have in common is that they all look rather amazing in swimwear.

The format, now in its third series, once held a novelty value as you fought off that headache but has grown very tiresome and is now just going through the reality TV motions.

There is little here to get your teeth into and it makes the Hollyoaks omnibus that precedes it look like Shakespeare.

Send Dante, Michael and Aimee to an island somewhere – it would be much better viewing.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

IT'S possible you'll be clinging a bit more tightly to the ones you love. Normally, you're a cool customer, preferring to keep your feelings hidden but now you're determined to show your family your care. This is an excellent omen to mend broken fences. The secret to your success is sincerity.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

### TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOU'LL be more assertive than usual in romantic situations. Fortunately, the object of your affection will be delighted. After first contact, it may be impossible to tear yourself out of their arms. Money is a concern. If you're due a raise, schedule a meeting with your boss.

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### LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

YOU'RE reserved, and with good reason. It's not clear whether you can trust someone yet: wait and see. You'll get more insight to this person's character by watching their actions. It looks as though your career is starting to take off: a promotion, or raise could be in the cards.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756

### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

PARTNERSHIPS take on a tender aspect. This would be a good time to get engaged, married or enter into a business relationship with someone who more like a friend than a colleague. Stretch funds as far as they will go, you may be able to afford something special later.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

WHEN it comes to romance, hold back. It's not time to approach someone you fancy. Work demands may be so great you won't have time to. Colleagues appreciate your willingness to put in extra hours. They also like the respectful way you conduct yourself. Little do they know!

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760

### PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20)

YOU'LL be something of a social butterfly in the days ahead. Meeting people could inspire you. You're starting to realise just how boring life can be without intellectual stimulation. Studying art, music, or dance might be just your cup of tea. Take a friend's compliment to heart. They mean it.

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### GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

SENSITIVITY lets you get closer to someone you love. You know their feelings before they say a word. Be ready to relieve your amour of a dreaded chore. They'll be grateful for your sacrifice. Whether you want a raise, date, or job, you can find success. Your gift with words is key.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754

### CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

YOU don't care what people think, which makes you popular so don't be surprised if you're invited to lots of parties. If you're single, let a friend set you up on a blind date. You might just meet someone sexy. Working on a writing project could prove rewarding, but hide it until late May.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755

### LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

AN intense relationship is heating up even more. It may be impossible to resist someone's charms. You melt every time they whisper in your ear or gaze into your eyes. This would be a good time to discuss moving in together. Taking a trip overseas will put your romance into proper perspective.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOU cause a commotion wherever you go. That's because your sex appeal is at an all time high. If you're single, you could pair up with a much older or younger person. You love their way with words, while they adore your dry wit. Be ready to take a tricky task off your partner's hands.

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# More Power to Vince's back to basics ethos



FARM FAVOURITE: Singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

CHANGE is a wonderful thing. While there's something to be said for tradition and the tried and tested "If it ain't broke..." approach to life, I'm a firm believer in trying new things.

It is with this in mind that I tip my cap to the fantastically named Vince Power, the man orchestrating the inaugural Hop Farm Festival.

Power has lured the likes of Neil Young, Rufus Wainwright, Supergrass and Guillemots into performing at the Paddock Wood one-dayer with the promise of: "No sponsorship, no branding and no registration".

Writing on the official festival website about his shift away from commercially dominated festivals, Power said: "I've been watching the festival market and just felt it was frustrating for the punter that there was such a big emphasis on sponsorship, VIP and upgrading your ticket to get into a special area.

"We did an online survey and the feedback among young fans was that often the person

buying the ticket ended up feeling the lowest on the pecking order. I thought it was time to go back to basics and let it be about the punter and the music. I think you will see a complete change in festivals in the next two or three years.

"Bands rely on live performances much more than they did in previous years, the market is changing and I think bigger bands will have a lot more input into the festivals because it is clear that they could do their own festivals if they want to.

"I'm getting really good feedback from the artists and the agents. It's about having a good festival, happy customers and happy artists."

The open-air Hop Farm Festival takes place on Sunday, June 6, with gates opening at 11.30am.

At the time of going to press, the Neil Young-headed line-up also features Primal Scream, Supergrass, My Morning Jacket, Rufus Wainwright and Guillemots. At least one further act is yet to be named. My Guess Those Bands prediction (the new festival line-up game which is sweeping the country since its inception on this page last week) is Belinda Carlisle.

Tickets cost £49.50, plus a booking fee. For more information, visit the website [www.hopfarmfestival.com](http://www.hopfarmfestival.com).



EARLY BIRDS: Guillemots are also on the Hop Farm Festival bill

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## V2 site fires imagination

■ BY NICK AMES

IF THE idea of a short break in a city doesn't appeal and you fancy a little history, then just over the Channel is one of the most unusual tourist attractions in Europe.

La Coupole, near St Omer, a 45-minute drive from Calais, was the site developed by the Nazis to house and launch their V2 rockets during World War Two.

It may not be everyone's choice of a short break, but it remains fascinating, none-the-less.

It was a concrete dome protecting underground galleries and built by slave labour using eastern European prisoners.

But a combination of air attacks and a breakdown in infrastructure meant it was never used.

Now it is a museum attracting an increasing number of visitors from the UK courtesy of Kent's excellent links with northern France by road, ferry and rail.

Exhibits detail the workings of the Nazi slave state and the history of rocket engineering. Highlighted is the man who designed

the V2 – German Dr Werhner Von Braun, who was taken away at the end of the war by the Americans.

Soberingly, any visitor soon realises the brutalising tactics employed by the Nazis did result in men standing on the moon as Von Braun masterminded the Apollo programme and eventually designed the Saturn V rocket.

There's plenty more, however, to educate visitors through the other exhibits.

Firstly, the Nazi occupation of northern France and the construction of the massive concrete dome and the galleries underneath.

Harrowing footage of the concentration camps and the results of the bombing to which the British and Americans subjected towns in northern France is also documented, as are the conditions in which slave workers were kept.

I was told increased numbers of people coming into western Europe from the old Eastern Bloc meant tourists from some of the places the slave workers were taken from were ever-increasing.

The concrete dome of La Coupole proved resistant to almost everything the RAF could throw at it from the air.



UNUSUAL ATTRACTION: La Coupole, near St Omer, was built with slave labour

But the facilities, designed to store and fire the V2 rockets at London and Kent, were never used.

Instead mobile sites were used to fire the missiles as they were harder to detect than the large-scale fortified sites.

Near to La Coupole is Forêt de Nieppe, which was a hidden base firing V1 flying bombs – the forerunner of the V2 – at England. It was the only operational base of its kind and included bunkers and a command centre.

The craters, filled with water, are evidence of RAF-USAF bombs which were dropped on the launch site.

It's not the most clearly signposted site and is accessible only by road, but it is extremely atmospheric – there is no entry fee and visitors can wander at will amid the trees to explore underground galleries and hidden bunkers.

The launch site is also still there – and chillingly it points straight at Tower Bridge, according to French experts.

### FACT FILE: FRANCE

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Climate	Temperate
Religion	Christian (mainly Catholic)
Language	French

### Holiday details

Travel to France via ferries from Dover to Calais. Operators include P&O, Norfolk Line and SeaFrance, all of which run regular services. Car traffic can also use Eurotunnel services, which terminate just outside Calais. The two attractions are about 40km from the French port just outside the town of St Omer, which has a selection of accommodation at various prices. A tour around the museum takes about two hours, and guides are available in English.

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# She's a sight for sore eyes

■ BY KATE WHITING

BEING a Hollywood actress may look like an incredibly glamorous gig, but there's more going on behind the glossy scenes than just having your make-up done.

For her latest role, Jessica Alba had to learn to play the violin like a professional while pretending to be blind - no small feat for any actress.

Chinese horror remake The Eye follows blind violinist Sydney Wells (Jessica) as she has a cornea transplant and adapts to her newly-acquired sight.

But her comfortable life is shattered when she takes on the traits of her dead donor, including disturbing flashbacks and the power to see ghosts.

Jessica, 26, reveals the intensive training she undertook at orientation centres in Los Angeles and New Mexico to prepare for the role.

"I learned basic Braille reading, how to walk with a cane and how people live in their homes self-sufficiently," she said.

"I labelled everything in my house so I could walk freely wearing sleep shades."

It seems her hard work paid off when she started filming because she couldn't see much through eerie grey contact lenses.

"They covered my entire eye - I had no peripheral vision and sometimes partial vision."

Having learnt to live without sight, Jessica then had to tackle the violin.

"It was the most difficult instrument on the planet," she said, laughing.

"I did six months of extensive training with five different women who have been playing since they were kids."

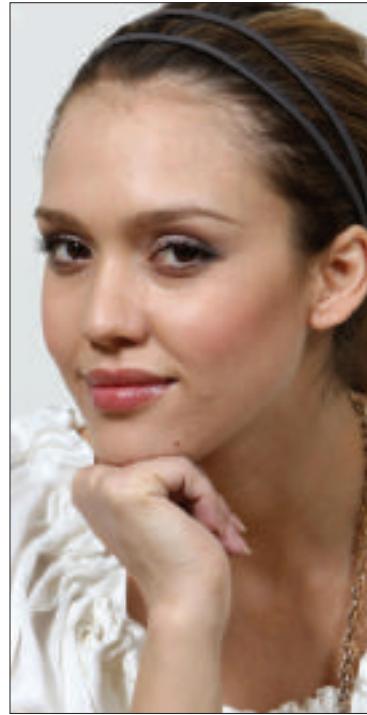
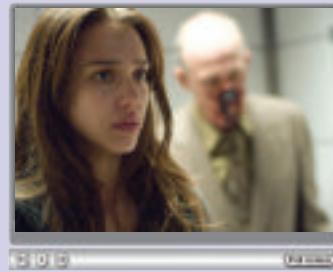
"They still practise eight hours a day just to stay good enough to be in an orchestra."

At first she thinks she's going mad, but with the help of Dr Paul Faulkner (Alessandro Nivola), Sydney finally works out she is experiencing a real-life phenomenon called cellular memory, where transplant recipients display the characteristics of their donors.

"I met a guy who loved sweets and hated Italian food and he said after his liver trans-

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**SOUND AND VISION:** Jessica Alba had to have training to learn what it's like to be blind and play the violin

plant, he didn't pick up a single sweet ever again and all he could eat was pizza and pasta.

"He spoke to the mother of his donor, who was a 16-year-old boy - hated sweets and his favourite food was pizza and pasta."

Jessica has one more movie coming out this year - The Love Guru, with Justin Timberlake, Mike Myers and Ben Kingsley.

But as her first baby with fiancé Cash Warren is due any time now - she was heavily pregnant when we spoke - she is taking a well-earned break from filming.

"I still feel like I'm just starting. Most actresses that I really love hit their stride in their 30s and 40s and I'm hoping that will be the case for me."

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Greener houses will look good and keep out the heat

PROPERTIES being developed will have an increased number of eco-friendly features – but they may not be immediately visible according to a developer. GreenMoves, which specialises in environmentally-friendly developments, said facilities to collect rainwater, better insulation and triple glazing will all be incorporated in new designs.

They will be built alongside features such as solar panels.

French-style external shutters could also be added to keep out heat in an effort to combat hotter summers.

Julian Brooks, managing director of the company, said the shutters would keep buildings cool in hot weather – especially with top quality insulation.

Other experts have stated that the absence of too many visual elements will keep buildings looking attractive and not spoil aesthetic elements.

A recent survey undertaken by DIY store B&Q found that eight out of ten people questioned would be willing to pay more for a greener home.

### Gateway building still top agenda item in county

HOUSEBUILDING remains high on the political agenda despite a predicted slump in the property market.

The county remains a building hotspot with the proposed developments along the Thames Gateway and areas surrounding Ashford one of the Government's highest-profile construction projects.

Ministers remain committed to the project – which includes prestige developments along the riverfront in Rochester and large-scale building between Medway and London – despite fears of an economic downturn.

Rupert Bates, editorial director of Showhouse.co.uk, a development website, said: "I've never known a time where housebuilding has been so high on political and social agendas."

He added that the issues under discussion included debates over the number of houses needed and their impact on the countryside.

# Mortgage relief hope to boost housing market

CHEAPER mortgages are on their way as the Government fights to protect the housing market.

The credit crunch has led to gloomy predictions of a slump across the property industry and a fall in prices.

But according to the Council of Mortgage Lenders more competitive rates will be made available "in due course".

Experts say this is particularly good news for first-time buyers, who often feel the squeeze when the market is at its most volatile.

The statement from the influential financial group comes after a meeting between Chancellor of the Exchequer Alistair Darling and Housing Minister Caroline Flint, which Mr Darling called following the introduction of the Bank of England's £50 billion bond scheme to prop up the flagging market.

■ BY NICK AMES

Bosses at the CML said the move would improve confidence and enable the market to become more fluid – in other words make buying and selling more attractive and convenient.

Following the Bank's announcement Mr Darling called top mortgage industry executives to his Downing Street office to discuss what steps they can take to ensure reposessions don't start to rise – because consumers are finding it hard to refinance their loans.

New mortgage applicants and what could be done to help them were also on the agenda.

"I hope that lenders continue to take their responsibilities towards customers seriously," Mr Darling said.

In a joint statement after the meeting, the lenders agreed that the plan by the Bank of England



PROTECTION: Chancellor Alistair Darling has announced measures which should allow banks to resume offering a better deal for those looking for mortgages

to allow banks to swap what could be hard-to-shift mortgage assets for Government money which would need to be repaid – but in a better financial climate – would help ease funding pressures and ultimately allow them to offer cheaper loans.

"The Bank's actions should ease funding conditions for mortgage lenders over time to help to ensure the continued availability of a wide range of mortgages for potential borrowers at competitive prices," Michael Coogan, director-general of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, said.

Mr Darling has pursued a steady policy in attempting to get lenders to agree to lower interest rates following the move by the Bank of England.

The Bank of England has cut interest rates three times since December to shore up the economy, but a number of mortgage lenders have been raising the cost of their home loan products.

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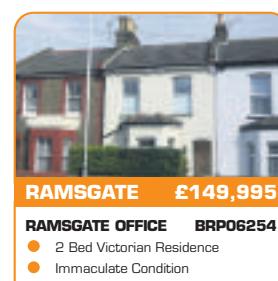
- No Forward Chain
- DG, CH, Osp X2 Cars
- 100' Approx Rear Garden



**RAMSGATE** £136,995

**RAMSGATE OFFICE** BROP06197

- 2 Bedrooms
- Close To Town
- No Onward Chain



**RAMSGATE** £149,995

**RAMSGATE OFFICE** BROP06254

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- Great Location
- Garage Good Condition



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- 2 Double Bedrooms
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- Recently Refurbished
- OSP & Garage



**RAMSGATE** **£219,995**

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- Central Location
- Good Order Throughout



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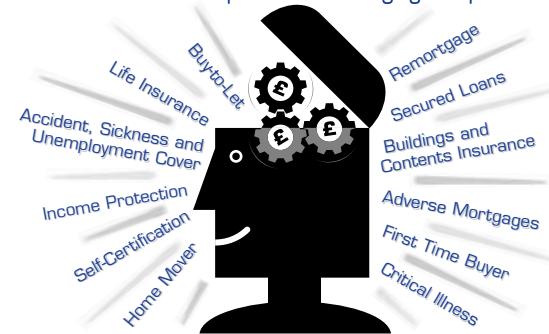
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## Birchington

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- Viewing is essential call today!

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## Ramsgate

- Four Bed Modern Townhouse
- Popular Location
- No Onward Chain

.....£210,000



## Palm Bay

- Fantastic location
- Three bedrooms
- Conservatory

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## Birchington

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- Garage

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- Garage
- Excellent condition

.....£169,995



#### Broadstairs

- Ground floor maisonette
- Two bedrooms
- Modern kitchen & bathroom

.....£159,995



#### Margate

- 3 Bedrooms
- No Chain
- Good sized rear garden

.....OIEO £159,995



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- Walking distance to beach
- 3 Bedrooms
- No chain

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#### Margate

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- Two Bedrooms EOT House
- Modern Kitchen & Bathroom

.....£133,000



#### Margate

- Ideal First Time Purchase
- Refurbished 2006
- 2 Bedrooms

.....£129,950



#### Birchington

- Purpose built ground floor apartment
- Situated close to town centre
- 2 Bedrooms & separate cloakroom

.....£129,950



#### Westgate

- Split level great size 1 bedroom flat
- Fantastic views over the green
- Offering new kitchen & bathroom

.....£115,000



#### Cliftonville

- 2 Bed Split Level Flat
- In need of Modernisation
- No Onward Chain

.....£95,000



#### Margate

- Lovely 3 Bed House
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### HOADEN

A semi detached country cottage situated in the Hamlet of Hoaden, near Ash. Sitting room, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, two bedrooms and bathroom. Gardens to front and rear, parking for up to 4 cars.

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### MINSTER

A semi detached chalet style bungalow. Hallway, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, and shower room on the ground floor together with three bedrooms and bathroom on the first floor. Gardens to front and rear, driveway providing parking for one car.

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### SANDWICH

An extended double fronted family house. Sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, shower room, conservatory, four bedrooms, study and bathroom. Office building, providing ideal home-office accommodation, parking for 3-4 cars and gardens to front and rear.

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### SANDWICH

A penthouse apartment situated in a converted warehouse overlooking the River Stour. Communal entrance hall, entrance hall, kitchen/sitting/dining room, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, viewing area with views across open farmland and the River Stour. Allocated parking space.

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## MOTORS NEWS



### Trust shows its trust in Motorline's vans

KENT'S Paula Carr Trust has bought its seventh Renault Master from Motorline Ashford.

The mobile eye screening charity for diabetic patients across Kent was formed in 1989 in memory of Paula Carr, who died from diabetes at 13, and it operates from bases at Ashford and Maidstone.

Its new Master van was customised by Euromotive of Lympne and handed over by Daniel John of Motorline to Pamela Walsh from the Trust.

She said: "They (Motorline) always have the vans ready for us in record time and we plan to keep using them as our supplier in the future should our van fleet need expanding."



### New Focus sporting flagship out now

FORD dealers across Kent can expect a renewed rush for the latest Focus ST – reckoned to be the best hot hatch on the UK market, pound for pound.

The new version available from tomorrow, Thursday, suits the big lower grille sported by the facelift Focus range since January and starts at £18,250.

But the big selling point is the turbocharged 223bhp 2.5-litre five-cylinder engine, with sporty soundtrack, 150mph top speed and 0-62mph acceleration in just 6.8 seconds. The car also rides on smart 18-inch alloys.



### Leon boosted for more power, less emissions

SMALL turbocharged petrol engines are becoming the smart way for carmakers to retain power output yet slash emissions.

This has been underlined by the latest Seat Leon model; the 1.4-litre TSI (from £13,755) offers 123bhp against 100bhp from the existing and similarly priced 'un-blown' 1.6-litre Leon, does 0-62mph in 9.8 seconds rather than 11.7, has diesel-style direct injection for low-down punch and delivers lower emissions, placing the car in road tax band-D (£145/year) – the 1.6 is band-E (£170).



ROOM FOR MANOEUVRE: The MINI Clubman offers more space to buyers, and promises to hold its value so well that motoring is cheaper than with some of its industry rivals

# Spacious Clubman hits MINI growth target

FOR all its marvellous packaging and driving fun, BMW's reborn MINI is not that spacious, largely due to modern crash protection.

BMW has tried addressing this with the Clubman (from £14,235) costing around £1,200 more than equivalent MINI hatchbacks.

It is 24cm longer – eight bringing more rear legroom – and boot space is up 100 litres to 260.

The car's retro effect is maintained by side-opening back doors à la original 1960s Mini Traveller/Countryman estates.

But the single side door to the rear seats is on the 'wrong' side, BMW opting to please left-hand drive markets by having the extra door on the offside, so rear passengers will probably tilt the front passenger seat and enter and exit via the car's front nearside door.

But few would-be buyers actually care about the 'Big Door Debate' says Broad Oak MINI at Ashford's Orbital Park.

"Yes, it's pretty much the first thing people say if they're here to look at the hatchback, but it's the last if they're here for a Clubman."

## ROAD TEST

### MINI CLUBMAN

■ BY STEVE LOADER

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

"They tend to like the Clubman look and the extra room and see the door as a bonus," said site manager Juliet Foreman.

Broad Oak loaned us a Cooper entry model for our test, but there is also a diesel Cooper D (£15,400) and turbocharged Cooper S (£17,210).

None are slouches – even the 110bhp diesel hits 62mph in 10.4 seconds – and they are greener too thanks to BMW/MINI's new 'efficient dynamics', including 'Auto Start-Stop', which stops the engine automatically when the car halts and neutral is selected, restarting when the clutch pedal is depressed.

There is also 'brake energy regeneration' to recharge the battery and relieve the alternator's demand on the engine.

MINIs are not cheap, but they hold their money so well – especially with the TLC five-year service package and option packages – that motoring is cheaper overall than many rivals.

The ride is quite taut, but grip and handling is excellent, while the well-designed interior, with trademark big central speedo and homage to the original 1960s icon, is a masterpiece.

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Official Government Environmental Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km). Matiz 1.0 SE: Urban – 39.2 (7.2), Extra-urban – 60.1 (4.7), Combined – 50.4 (5.6), CO2 emissions 139g/km. Kalos 1.2 SE: Urban – 33.2 (8.5), Extra-urban – 54.3 (5.2), Combined – 44.1 (6.4). CO2 emissions 153g/km. Lacetti 1.4 SE Hatchback: Urban – 28.8 (9.8), Extra-urban – 49.5 (5.7), Combined – 39.2 (7.2). CO2 emissions 171g/km.



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#### MERCEDES-BENZ E-CLASS



PERHAPS the most staid of our trio, the E-Class claims the highest swank value. Nothing at this level beats a three-pointed star on the bonnet. Reliability and quality has been excellent, though the halo slipped on the current 2002-launch range (pictured) until a facelift in 2006. Ride and handling is more in the 'comfort zone', but the E-Class is nimble enough and the estate is a cavernous and luxurious load-lugger. Excellent diesel engines complete a tempting package.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### AUDI A6



UNTIL the current A6 range, Audi's 'management motor' struggled to match its German rivals for style and image, though fit and finish was beyond reproach. However, examples built before the current 2004 line-up (pictured) can still be incredible bargains. Unless you buy the more expensive quattro versions though, an A6 means front-wheel drive – not everyone's preference. Ride and comfort also tends towards hard and 'sporting', but the A6 has excellent powerplants, particularly diesels.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Diana Parker, Office Manager  
Fairview Community Primary School  
Drewry Drive, Wigmore  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0NU  
Tel: 01634 338710  
Email office@  
fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

#### Gordon Junior School

KS2 Teacher (Responsibility for Literacy)  
Salary: MPS + TLR 2b - £3940  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 13 May 2008  
Please contact:  
Mrs Ellen Wilson, Headteacher  
Gordon Junior School  
Gordon Road, Strood  
Rochester  
Kent ME2 3HQ  
Telephone - (01634) 719971  
Fax - 01634 290337  
Email headteacher@  
gordon-jun.medway.sch.uk

#### Hempstead Junior School

Key Stage 2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Temporary  
Term of contract: Maternity Cover  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mr David Bignell, Headteacher  
Hempstead Junior School  
Birch Grove, Hempstead  
Gillingham  
Kent ME7 3SD  
Telephone - (01634) 371823  
Fax - 01634 233238  
Email office@  
hempsteadjnr.medway.sch.uk

#### The Pilgrim School

KS2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 2 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs D Field, Office Manager  
The Pilgrim School  
Warwick Crescent, Borstal  
Rochester  
Kent ME1 3LF  
Telephone - (01634) 841873  
Email  
office@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk

## Elaine Primary

KS2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008  
Required From: 1 September 2008

### To apply/more information

Mrs Lynn Garham, Headteacher  
Elaine Primary  
Strood  
Kent ME2 2YN  
Telephone - (01634) 718057  
Email Headteacher@  
elaine.medway.sch.uk

## Twydall Infant

Foundation Stage 2 / Key Stage 1  
Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 9 May 2008

### To apply/more information

Mrs. S. Fedosuk  
Headteacher  
Twydall Infants  
Twydall Lane  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 6JS  
Telephone - (01634) 231761  
Fax - 01634 260144  
Email headteacher@  
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### Deputy Headteacher

#### Fairview Community Primary School

Deputy Headteacher  
Salary: £12-£16 +relocation  
package  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Debbie Willis, Headteacher  
Fairview Community Primary School  
Drewry Drive, Wigmore  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0NU  
Telephone - (01634) 338710  
Email headteacher@  
fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

## Elaine Primary

Deputy Headteacher  
Salary: £10-£14 (£43,656-£48,136)  
Full Time and Permanent  
Closing Date: 6 May 2008  
Required From: 1 September 2008

### To apply/more information

Mrs Lynn Garham, Headteacher  
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Telephone - (01634) 718057  
E-mail Headteacher@  
elaine.medway.sch.uk

### Headteacher

#### Maunde School

Headteacher  
Salary: £20-£26 £55,782-£64,611  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 9 May 2008  
Please contact:  
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### Teacher

#### The Thomas Aveling School

Teacher of  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full time and permanent  
Required from: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 9 May 2008

## To apply/ more information

Mr R Hart, Headteacher  
The Thomas Aveling School  
Arethusa Road  
Rochester  
Kent, ME1 2UW  
Telephone: 01634 844809  
Fax: 01634 818385  
Email: office@thomasaveling.co.uk

## Fort Pitt Grammar

Teacher of Religious Education  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 7 May 2008

### To apply/more information

Mrs L Maile, Headteacher's PA  
Fort Pitt Grammar  
Fort Pitt Hill  
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Kent ME4 6TJ  
Telephone - (01634) 842359  
Fax - 01634817376  
Email headteacher@  
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Teacher of Chemistry  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 7 May 2008

### To apply/more information

Mrs L Maile, Headteacher's PA  
Fort Pitt Grammar, Fort Pitt  
Hill, Chatham  
Kent ME4 6TJ  
Telephone - (01634) 842359  
Fax - 01634817376  
Email headteacher@  
fortpitt.medway.sch.uk

## Fort Pitt Grammar

Teacher of Psychology  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 7 May 2008

### To apply/more information

Mrs L Maile, Headteacher's PA  
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## Rainham Mark Grammar

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Full Time and Permanent (Part time  
considered)  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 7 May 2008

### To apply/more information

School Office  
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Email - office@  
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Teacher of Science/ Health and Social Care

Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 2 May 2008

### To apply/more information

Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer  
Rainham School for Girls  
Derwent Way, Rainham  
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Telephone - (01634) 362746  
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Teacher of Music  
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Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
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## Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

Teacher of English (to be  
responsible for KS3 English)  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR2c  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 7 May 2008

### To apply/more information

Mrs Jacqueline Harrison  
Headteacher's PA  
Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School  
Maidstone Road, Rochester  
Kent ME1 3EL  
Telephone - (01634) 844008  
Fax - 01634 818303  
Email office@  
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## Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

Teacher of History  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 7 May 2008

### To apply/more information

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Headteacher's PA  
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Maidstone Road, Rochester  
Kent ME1 3EL  
Telephone - (01634) 844008  
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Email office@  
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## Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School

Teacher of Mathematics  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 7 May 2008

### To apply/more information

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Headteacher's PA  
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Teacher of Chemistry  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR2b  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 2 May 2008

### To apply/more information

Mrs K Cruttenden,  
Headteachers P.A.  
The Hundred of Hoo  
Comprehensive School  
Main Road, Hoo, Rochester  
Kent ME3 9HH  
Telephone - (01634) 251443  
Email crutk001@medway.org.uk

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Teacher of Maths  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 2 May 2008

### To apply/more information

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Headteachers P.A.  
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Comprehensive School  
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Telephone - (01634) 251443  
Email crutk001@medway.org.uk

## The Thomas Aveling School

Teacher of Business Studies  
Salary: MPS / UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 9 May 2008

### To apply/more information

Mr R Hart, Headteacher  
Arethusa Road, Rochester  
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Telephone - (01634) 844809  
Fax - 01634 818385  
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### Subject Leader

**The Thomas Aveling School**  
Subject Leader for Business Studies  
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Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR2a (£5778)  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 9 May 2008

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## Deputy Headteacher / Curriculum Manager

**Walderslade Girls School**  
Deputy Headteacher / Curriculum Manager  
Salary: L16 - L20  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 1 May 2008

### To apply/more information

Mrs P Conibear, Headteacher  
Walderslade Girls School  
Bradfields Avenue, Chatham  
Kent ME5 0LE  
Telephone - (01634) 861596  
Fax - 01634 869246  
Email headteacher@  
waldersladegirls.medway.sch.uk

### SEN

**Abbey Court Community Special School**  
SEN Teacher  
Salary: MPS + 2 SEN Points  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 9 May 2008

### To apply/more information

Linda Taylor, Abbey Court  
Community Special School  
Rede Court Road, Strood  
Rochester Kent ME2 3SP  
Telephone - (01634) 338224  
Fax - 01634 295369  
Email office@abbeycourt.med.sch.uk

## Abbey Court Community Special School

SEN Teacher to lead KS4/5  
(Further Education)  
Salary: MPS + TLR 2 (£5778) + 2  
SEN  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 9 May 2008

### To apply/more information

Linda Taylor, Abbey Court  
Community Special School  
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Rochester Kent ME2 3SP  
Telephone - (01634) 338224  
Fax - 01634 295369  
Email office@abbeycourt.med.sch.uk

## Bradfields School

Assistant Head - Pupil Development  
Salary: Leadership scale 10 - 14  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 14 May 2008

### To apply/more information

Mrs Gill Ellen  
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**HARBOUR SCHOOL**

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**Interviews: Monday 12th May 2008**

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Post Ref: 08/60



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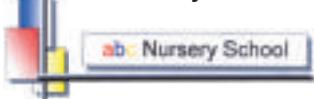
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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Networking lunch at annual exhibition

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The business-to-business event, in its 22nd year, will take place on Tuesday, June 24, and is being organised by the Invicta Chamber of Commerce. The event will held from 10am-5pm.

Organisers say it is an ideal way for businesses to make contacts. There will also be a networking lunch. Entrance to the exhibition is free.

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### Chamber has space

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How businesses fare in the teeth of the notorious Operation Stack



**WRITE STUFF:** Miriam Adisa has won this year's competition

FROM the days of dropping our first pennies into a piggy bank to opening up a new bank account, our society is no stranger to the concept of saving.

Yet for many people saving relates only to short-term aims such as an exotic holiday or a luxury car. Few think about saving for the future – in particular for retirement.

Given our familiarity with the concept of saving, widespread knowledge as to what this actually involves is surprisingly limited.

According to YouGov, only a quarter of British people are putting money away for their future. Many have not even started to save, particularly women.

The population of this country, like many in the Western world, is ageing: modern technology means that life expectancy has increased while the birth rate drops.

As a result, in a few decades the non-working population (pensioners) may eclipse the working population.

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option, it is still very important not to put all your eggs in one basket.

The best advice is to spread investment options: a more diversified and long-term portfolio should guarantee financial security.

The saving options at present are numerous, but the problem in our society is not with the options available but whether or not we are fully utilising them.

Our attitude towards saving is also to blame. Our consumer society – buy now, pay later – means that saving and retirement in particular are almost seen as taboo subjects.

Many people begin to think of their financial responsibilities only after coming out of university saddled with debt and with the ability to save many years down the line.

One implication of this is that many will have to extend their working lives. Attitudes and a lack of awareness seem at to be the roots of the problem.

The solution lies with each individual to play a part to plan and save for their future.

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# Ward eyes Conference

JIM WARD described Ramsgate's play-off clash with Staines Town as "massive" but one that he backs his team to come through because they always do it on the big stage.

The Rams took the last available play-off spot on the final day of the season, thanks to a 5-0 thrashing of Boreham Wood on Saturday.

It set up last night's clash with second-placed Staines Town, who were awarded home advantage due to their loftier position in the Ryman Premier League.

The Rams were beaten 1-0 and 2-0 by Staines earlier in the season, but manager Ward said all that changes in a one-off game.

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He said: "We know everything we need to know about them. They beat us twice in the league, but all that goes out the window now."

"We had no time to train in the week, but to be honest I would have given the players time off anyway because rest is more important."

Having claimed the last play-off spot on the final day, and beating big teams such as Chelmsford City and Hendon as well as winning the Isthmian League Cup, you couldn't bet against the Rams pulling another one out of the bag at Staines.

Ward said: "We have won so many big games this season and, although it is a massive game for us, I know my players won't freeze."

"It has been a great season where we have met all our targets, but now we are in the play-offs we really want to win and go and play Conference football."

If the Rams were to win at Wheatsheaf Park, they would take on the winners of the clash between AFC Hornchurch and AFC Wimbledon.

• For a full report and reaction from Wheatsheaf Park last night, visit [www.yourthanet.co.uk](http://www.yourthanet.co.uk).



WE'RE READY: Jim Ward says his players won't freeze in the battle to win promotion

Picture: GORAN GURCO

## Seahawks swim to Open medals

THANET Seahawks had a successful day at the Crawley Long Cross Spring Open with two medals and eight top-10 finishes.

The event requires a high standard of swimmer as 66 per cent of the entries for the event were rejected.

Chloe Thorpe secured a silver medal in the 100m breaststroke with a surging finish to record a time only one second off the national qualifying time.

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Mark Stimson says he has no regrets about taking over as Gillingham boss

## Binding takes the honours in race

THE Thanet schools cross-country league concluded at the weekend with Dane Court claiming the girls' title and Chatham House winning the boys'.

Gareth Binding became the first-ever winner of the post-16 race at the final meeting at Chatham House.

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NICK OF TIME: Nick Davis (left) forced the corner that gave Ramsgate a crucial second goal on their way to a 5-0 victory at Southwood Stadium that clinched a play-off place

# Ramsgate smash five to book place in the play-offs

## FOOTBALL

■ BY YOURTHANET REPORTER

**Ramsgate 5 Boreham Wood 0**

JUST how far can Ramsgate go? That was the question on everyone's lips at Southwood on Saturday as the Rams juggernaut flattened a woeful Boreham Wood side and booked last night's play-off trip to Staines.

Jim Ward's side began the day knowing that Hendon, who started the day in fifth place ahead of Ramsgate on goal difference, would need to slip up if they were to get a shot at the post-season lottery.

It would have been understandable if events elsewhere had caused them to lose focus, but instead they set about wiping the floor with a Boreham Wood side fighting to avoid relegation to Ryman Division One North.

With the game just four minutes old, the Rams took the lead. Lee Minshull, a pre-season target for Margate, sprinted from his own half to the edge of the Boreham Wood area and squared the ball to Stuart Vahid.

Vahid's low cross found Sam Jones and he slotted the home side in front.

The Rams went on to dominate the rest of the half, but they were forced to wait until a minute before half-time for the luxury of a two-goal cushion. Andy Hadden's free-kick was headed goalwards by Nick Davis and Wood keeper Noel Imber was forced to parry the ball round the post for a corner.

Dean Hill's ball was met with an unstopable header into the back of the net from Olly Schulz and in first-half injury time Boreham Wood's goose was all but cooked.

Another Hill corner this time found Warren Schulz and he volleyed Ramsgate into an unassassable 3-0 lead.

The demoralised visitors conceded twice more within seven minutes of the restart.

Five minutes after the whistle blew for the second period, Schulz got his head to Minshull's long throw and guided a near-post header past the flailing Imber.

Moments later, Sam Jones bewildered the Wood defence with his footwork, rounding two opponents before he cut the ball back to Hill to rifle the fifth and final goal.

By this stage almost everyone in the ground was either glued to the radio or desperately waiting for updates from Hendon on their mobiles.

At almost exactly the same time as Hill scored, Hendon fell behind to a Wealdstone penalty, while Tonbridge Angels, who themselves harboured hopes of sneaking into the play-offs, were going down 2-0 at Carshalton.

Seven minutes from time, Hendon's fate was effectively sealed when they conceded a second, rendering a late consolation goal academic, though at Southwood there was still time for Minshull to hit the post.

• For a full report on the Staines v Ramsgate play-off semi-final, log on to [www.yourthanet.co.uk](http://www.yourthanet.co.uk).



**CURATE'S EGG:** Margate finished the Ryman Premier Division season in ninth place. James Pinnock's (left) deflected shot led to the goal that saw Margate claim a 1-0 away win against Harrow Borough and wind up the season in ninth place

# A win's a win but it is too late for Gate

A SEASON that promised much and delivered little at least ended on a high for Margate as a drastically restructured side won by a single goal at Harrow.

Injuries and suspension forced caretaker manager Steve McKimm to make seven changes to the side that blew a 3-1 lead in losing 5-4 at home to Folkestone the previous Saturday.

## Suspended

That result eliminated Margate from the play-off picture and, with the pressure off, a number of players nailed down markers for next season.

Louis Smith was suspended, but McKimm

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### Harrow Borough 0 Margate 1

used the game to blood the likes of Roberto Corbishley, Jake Eastwood, Robbie Summers and Aaron Quinn, as well as keeper Matt Bowles.

With Harrow also having nothing more than pride to play for, the first half was uneventful. Ricardo Joseph's fired the first meaningful effort over the bar on six minutes and James Pinnock went close on the half-hour mark before Borough's Gary Meakin cleared the Gate goal by a yard.

On the stroke of half-time, a superb save from the Borough keeper thwarted Robbie

Summers, but within 10 minutes of the restart the visitors were in front.

Corbishley, captured from Maidstone United in the pre-season, beat one man before curling a cross to Pinnock.

His initial shot was blocked, but Nick Moir pounced on the rebound and fired in his first goal of the season from the edge of the six-yard box.

Bowles, on for Scott Chalmers-Stevens, blocked a goalbound effort from the former Leicester player Jamie Lawrence and then denied James Bent, but otherwise the visitors looked the more likely scorers, with Dan Young's header missing by inches.

The result means Margate finish the season ninth in the Ryman Premier Division, six points behind neighbours Ramsgate, who clinched the final play-off place on Saturday.

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**PICK ME:** Steve McKimm wants to be new Margate boss

## McKimm says he'd 'love' the Gate job

EVERYONE from Jim Ward to Lord Lucan was being linked to the vacant manager's job at Hartsdown Park ahead of Monday's EGM, but one man who wants the post is caretaker boss Steve McKimm.

Speaking on the club's website after Saturday's win at Harrow, McKimm said: "I'd love to be a manager. I love the coaching side of it and I'm not frightened to tell people what I think – no matter who they are."

McKimm still feels he has a year or two left in him as a player but sees a long-term future in the dug-out, although he acknowledged his relative youth may count against him. He said: "Managing is something I want to do in the future. If it's not now, it'll be some other club somewhere down the line in a couple of years or so."

"I know there are other people more experienced than me. But having more experience doesn't always count for a lot because if you've got heart and desire that counts for even more and that's something I've got in abundance."

Whether the Margate board are willing to take another punt on a young manager after plumping for Robin Trott to replace Chris Kinnear is another matter.

If the board opts for non-league experience, Ramsgate's Ward can point to a glittering non-league CV and has conspicuously failed to rule himself out.

However, given the abuse showered on him during the Easter Monday derby by sections of the Margate support, his appointment might prove tough to sell to fans.

A third option would be a seasoned pro with local connections like former Everton legend Neville Southall, although he lasted just three months at Dover and fared little better at Hastings.

Whatever happens, the new Blues manager will have to achieve nothing short of the play-offs next season to be considered a success.

• For a full report on the EGM visit [www.yourthanet.co.uk](http://www.yourthanet.co.uk).

## SCHOOL SPORTS

ners were St Angela's Primary, with Cliftonville second and Northdown third.

Northdown were also the winners of a basketball festival held at Ursuline College.

In the end the schools which had been given regular coaching, St Laurence in Thanet and Garlinge performed with greater skill levels but lacked experience in playing matches.

They lost in their respective semi-finals against teams who benefited from being members of The Hereson family of primaries, where there have been competitive basketball festivals held by coach David Walton.

The final was played between Drapers Mills and Northdown.

The Northdown squad has shown excellent all-round sporting ability over the last two years. This, combined with a great team spirit, meant they were just good enough to overcome a valiant effort by their Margate opponents.

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